I am very pleased to announce that Father Jenkins, through the President’s Circle, Notre Dame’s highest-level recognition society, has again this year allocated significant funds to the Hesburgh Libraries. This year, in support of the University’s mission and strategic priorities, Father Jenkins has chosen to allocate $149,000 in President’s Circle funds for the Libraries’ acquisition of the Samuel Hazo Collection of Modern Poetry and $1,000,000 for the Libraries’ acquisition of sacred music.

The acquisition of the Samuel Hazo Collection of Modern Poetry, an outstanding resource that will support a rapidly developing area in the College of Arts & Letters, will move the Hesburgh Libraries in the direction of becoming an important destination for learning, teaching, and research in modern poetry.

Our collection in sacred music will serve in support of Notre Dame’s masters in sacred music programs offered by both the Departments of Theology and Music, and will be a pivotal factor in the work of two new faculty who will be joining Notre Dame’s Departments of Theology and Music, respectively, in the fall of 2009.

We are grateful for the generosity of the President’s Circle, and for Father Jenkins’s understanding of the centrality of the Libraries to the mission and aspirations of Notre Dame.

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